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ENCOURAGEMENT TO TALENTED STUDENTS/SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many talented young students/scientists, who discover new technologies from Andaman and Nicobar Islands are being ignored ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government organises competitions to trace out such talented students/ scientists in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage such talents in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): The talented young students / researchers from this union territory do participate very actively in various programmes such as Children's Science Congress, Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS), Women Scientist Scheme etc. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) through these competitive programmes which are organised regularly, aim at identifying talented youth both at the School and College/ University level for their long-terms nurturing. As special initiative a "Sensitization Workshop" was organised at Port Blair in February 2008 for encouragement of women scientists in research and development activities.